Hokkaido International School

2013-2014 Fact Sheet

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The **Hokkaido International School** (HIS) is a private, coeducational, day and boarding school that offers a U.S.-style education from preschool through grade 12 for students of all nationalities. The School was founded in 1958. The school year comprises two semesters extending from late August to mid-June. HIS also operates a second elementary school (PS-grade 6) in the resort region of Niseko, Hokkaido.

Organization: The School is governed by a 26-member Board of Councilors and 9-member Executive Board (similar to an American School Board). Along with six nominated members, the School's Headmaster sits on the Executive Board. The School has a Head of School and a Building-Level Principal.

Curriculum: The curriculum is U.S.-based, and English is the language of instruction. AP classes are offered to students in grades 11 and 12. The International Primary Curriculum and International Middle Years Curriculum are the academic core for the elementary and middle school respectively. The School is a member of the Japan Council of International Schools and the East Asia Regional Council of Schools and is accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges. The Japanese Ministry of Education has registered HIS under Gakko Hojin (legal holding body) status.

Faculty: In the 2013-2014 school year, there are 25 full-time and 7 part-time faculty members.

Enrollment: At the beginning of the 2013-2014 school year, enrollment was 205 (PS-grade 5: 74; grades 6-8: 56; and grades 9-12: 75).

Facilities: The School was constructed between June 1994 and August 1995. The School occupies four floors. Fourteen classrooms, a 10,000-volume library, science and computer labs, and rooms for art and music occupy the 2nd and 3rd floors. The gymnasium/stage and training room are located on the top floor. The ground floor contains classrooms for preschool, two Milepost 1 (K-1) classrooms, a multipurpose area, a conference room, a kitchen, a staff room, and administrative offices. Next to the school building, there is a dormitory to accommodate twenty students from outside Sapporo.

Finances: In the 2013-2014 school year, the School's income derives from tuition and fees, rentals, gifts, and grants. Annual tuition rates are as follows: PS (half day): ¥648,000; PS (full day): ¥944,000; K-grade 5: ¥1,030,000; grades 6-8: ¥1,056,000; and grades 9-12: ¥1,088,000. The School also charges a transportation fee of ¥90,000 per student or ¥160,000 per family, a one-time entrance fee of ¥200,000, and a one-time application fee of ¥15,000. An ESL fee is charged based on a student's proficiency in English. Tuition includes annual fees. (All fees are quoted in Japanese yen.)

This Fact Sheet is intended to provide general information. Prospective users of the Schools may wish to inquire further of A/OPR/OS or contact the School directly for more specific and up-to-the-minute information regarding curriculum, special programs, and the like. Information and statistics are current as of September 2013 and are provided by the School.